

# WISCONSIN WILDCARDS

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# GYPSY MOTH CATERPILLAR

*Lymantria dispar. L.*

**BASIC ID** Look for pairs of blue warts near head, red pairs to rear, and bristly hairs over entire body. Their heads are a dirty yellow with 2 vertical black bars. By the end of June they are 1"-2" long.

**HABITS** Caterpillars emerge mid-May and feed until July. They favor oaks and may defoliate an entire stand. In June, they leave trees each afternoon then return in the evening to feed. In mid-July they pupate and emerge as adult moths late July-August.

## MANAGEMENT (Caterpillars)

- Apply barrier bands April-May
- Apply burlap collection bands June-July
- Pesticide treatments

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

DNR Gypsy Moth Suppression Coordinators

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